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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/789,561	BEAUCAGE ET AL.	
	Examiner Paul D. Kim	Art Unit 3729	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 October 2006.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-9 and 18-27 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 10-17 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 27 February 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/27/04.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

This office action is a response to the restriction requirement filed on 10/3/2006.

Response to the Restriction Requirement

1. Applicant's election with traverse of Group II, Species C, claims 10-17, in the reply filed on 10/3/2006 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground that lapping of a slider cannot be done by any materially different apparatus or by hand. Examiner traverses the argument. It is well known in the art that lapping process can be done by hand. Even though applicant disagrees with the examiner, the process of Group I can be done without providing a moving mechanism of Group II. Also, applicant argues that a measurement of the asymmetry makes use of a readback signal amplitude so that the election of species of Group II is not proper. Examiner traverses the argument. There is no such a recitation in the claim 10 and claim 23. Species C teaches monitoring a readback signal amplitude of the read sensor during the lapping and Species C teaches calculating and monitoring an asymmetry measurement from the read sensor during the lapping.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

2. Claims 1-9 and 18-27 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on 10/3/2006.

3. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Change the title to --APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING THE LAPPING OF A SLIDER BASED ON AN AMPLITUDE OF A READBACK SIGNAL PRODUCED FROM AN EXTERNALLY APPLIED MAGNETIC FIELD--.

IN THE CLAIM

Cancelled the non-elect claims 1-9 and 18-27.

4. Claims 10-17 are allowed.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record fails to teach a slider lapping system having a moving mechanism which moves the lapping plate relative to the slider and a coil which produces a magnetic field around the slider during the lapping and processing circuitry which is operative to monitor a readback signal amplitude of the read sensor during the lapping and control circuitry coupled to the moving mechanism and the processing circuitry, which is operative to cause the lapping to terminate based on the monitoring of the readback signal amplitude. It is not obvious taken alone or in combination of other references fairly to suggest the claimed invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935).

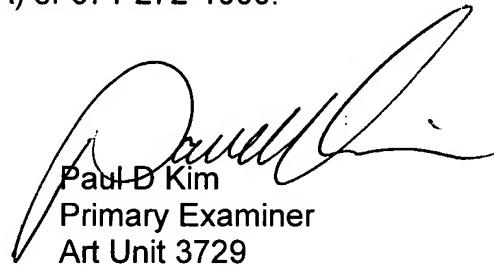
Since this application has been granted special status under the accelerated examination program, a shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS**, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this letter. **NO** extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be permitted.

The objective of the accelerated examination program is to complete the examination of an application within twelve months from the filing date of the application. Any reply must be filed electronically via EFS-Web so that the papers will be expeditiously processed and considered. If the reply is not filed electronically via EFS-Web, the final disposition of the application may occur later than twelve months from the filing of the application.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul D. Kim whose telephone number is 571-272-4565. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday between 6:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Vo can be reached on 571-272-4690. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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